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TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS, L.L.C. AND ITS ASSIGNEES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES SECTIONS 40-360.03 AND 40-360.06 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL **COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING** CONSTRUCTION OF ONE 500kV TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATES SWITCHYARD COMPONENTS IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ORIGINATING AT THE HASSAYAMPA SWITCHYARD NEAR THE PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION WEST OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA (SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, G&SRB&M) AND TERMINATING AT THE JOJOBA SWITCHYARD, SECTION 25. TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES

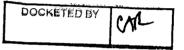
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STAFF'S RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR A CEC.

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The Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division ("Staff") hereby responds to the conditions proposed by Gila Bend Power Partners, L.L.C. and its assigns ("Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility in the above-captioned case.

Staff has amended Applicant's Condition #1 because Staff would like to see this transmission line completed in the same time period as the Gila Bend power plant that was approved in Case No. 106. If Applicant is not willing to commit to build the transmission line within that same time period, Staff believes that Applicant does not need this transmission line.

Staff has amended Applicant's Condition #6 because Staff wants to ensure that there will be a continuing obligation to participate in resolving transmission constraints. To date, Applicant has been participating in this endeavor. However, Staff is aware that this transmission line may eventually be owned and operated by a new entity. Staff wants this amended condition in order to transfer this obligation to whoever ends up as the owner and operator of this transmission line.

Staff has added Condition #28 because Staff believes that this language is necessary in all cases where an applicant seeks to site a transmission structure near an existing natural gas pipeline. Thus, Staff has used the standard language in this condition in transmission cases since

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30th day of September, 2002.

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STAFF'S AMENDED CONDITION #1

1. This authorization to construct the aforementioned facilities shall expire on April 12, 2006, unless construction is completed to the point that the 500kV transmission line is capable of operating at its rated capacity by that time; provided, however, that prior to such expiration Applicant may request that the Commission extend this time limitation.

STAFF'S AMENDED CONDITION #6

6. The owner and operator of this transmission line shall participate in good faith in state and regional transmission study forums, to coordinate transmission expansion plans to resolve Palo Verde transmission constraints in a timely manner.

STAFF'S CONDITION #28

28. In order to ensure transmission system safety and reliability, all transmission structures shall be placed a minimum of 100 feet from the edge of existing natural gas pipelines rights-of-way.